



## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended)**

### **EN020017 – Application by National Grid for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Richborough Connection Project**

## **Open Floor Hearings Agenda**

The Examining Authority (ExA) notified Interested Parties in its letter dated 29 June 2016 of the decision to hold open floor hearings on the following dates:

**Wednesday 27 July 2016 (morning)**, at **Canterbury Cathedral Lodge**, The Precincts, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2EH. Room opens 09.30 am. The hearing start time will be 10.00 am.

**Wednesday 27 July 2016 (evening)**, at **Canterbury Cathedral Lodge**, The Precincts, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2EH. Room opens 6.00 pm. The hearing start time will be 6.30 pm.

### *Participation, conduct and management of hearings*

At an open floor hearing, each Interested Party is entitled (subject to the ExA's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing) to make oral representations about the application. If on the day there are other individuals present who wish to make submissions that have not already been made it will be open to the ExA to use its discretion to hear any relevant submissions from those present should time permit.

It would also assist the ExA if copies of any written summaries of the cases put orally are submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by Deadline 3 of the examination timetable (**Thursday 4 August 2016**).

Please note that the following agenda is indicative and may be amended by the ExA at the start of the hearing session.

## **OPEN FLOOR HEARING – AGENDA FOR EACH SESSION**

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the hearing**
- 3. Confirmation of those who have notified the ExA of a wish to be heard at the open floor hearing**
- 4. Oral submissions from Interested Parties**

Each Interested Party who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited forward in turn to speak at a table set up in front of the ExA. Following each submission the ExA may wish to ask the speaker questions. The Applicant is likely to be requested to briefly respond to any matters raised by each of the Interested Parties or in summary at the close of each open floor hearing.

Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing by the particular participant. However, representations made at the hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission, but rather provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the ExA.

- 5. Close of the open floor hearing**